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SUBJECT: RECALL OF PRC AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN

1. PRC AMBASSADOR WANG LU-MING INFORMED HIS COLLEAGUES LAST WEEK THAT HE HAS BEEN RELIEVED AS AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN AND WILL LEAVE FOR PEKING MAY 15. NO SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN PROPOSED, ACCORDING TO GOS PROTOCOL OFFICER.

2. DIPLOMATS HERE HAVE FLESHED OUT A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION ON WANG LU-MING'S RECALL. IT CAME ON SHORT NOTICE; HE HAD ACCEPTED ENGAGEMENTS FOR SECOND HALF OF MAY. HE WAS UNABLE EVEN TO KEEP DINNER ENGAGEMENT WITH GERMAN AMBASSADOR MAY 16. WANG TOLD COLLEAGUES HE WILL LEAVE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. HE DID NOT MENTION A NEW OCCUPATION.

3. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TOLD ME HE UNDERSTANDS SEVERAL PRC AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN ABRUPTLY RECALLED IN LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. HE DID NOT HAVE NAMES TO CITE. FYI WANG WAS NOT A CAREER DIPLOMAT. HE WAS PARTY OFFICIAL AT CITY OR PROVINCIAL LEVEL UNTIL TAPPED FOR DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT IN 1960S. I UNDERSTAND HIS STOCKHOLM TOUR, WHICH WAS JUST OVER TWO YEARS, WAS HIS SECOND OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT.

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